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Transcription And Polymerase Chain
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 11, 2003, Applicants elect Group II - Claims 5-17, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a modified DNA polymerase 1 from *Carboxydothemus hydrogenoformans*, vectors and host cells comprising said nucleic acid, classified in class 435, subclass 252.3, for further prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute all other groups in either a divisional or continuation application.

Applicants wish to provide the USPTO with a clean copy of pending claims (Exhibit A) after the election.

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